

1) legal notice for Opportunity to Comment on a EA Project Level
Predecisional Administrative Review Process 36 CFR 218.24

Opportunity to Comment on the Communications Infrastructure Upgrades Supplemental Environmental Assessment

The Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District, is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Assessment for communications infrastructure upgrades at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center training areas near Bridgeport, California. Upgrades are needed to provide safe and reliable communications to improve the quality of training, emergency response time and the safety of personnel. Construction of communications towers and associated facilities is proposed at three locations on National Forest System land and two locations on Department of Defense land.

The project implements the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and is not authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and is subject to 36 CFR 218.7 parts (a) and (b). Instead of an appeal period, there will be an objection process before the final decision is made and after the final environmental analysis document and draft decision are mailed (reference 36 CFR 218). In order to be eligible to file an objection, specific written comments related to the project must be submitted during scoping or any other periods public comment is specifically requested on this EA (218.5). Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Bridgeport Ranger District Office, the Bridgeport Branch Library, and the Coleville Branch Library, as well as online at: <https://extranet.cardnotec.com/MWTCComsUpgradeSEA>.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from:

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How to Comment and Timeframe

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Reno Gazette Journal. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or

timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest

Attention: Ms. Pam Montroy – MCMWTC Supplemental EA Project Manager

Central IPT

937 N. Harbor Drive, Building 1, 3rd Floor

San Diego, CA 92132-5190

The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 0800-0400 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45828 or submitted online at: <https://extranet.cardnotec.com/MWTCComsUpgradeSEA/Comments.aspx>.

OR

You may send your comments to attention:

David Drake

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In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.